

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

HONORING Ruth Klement posthumously upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition in conjunction with the observance of National Library Workers Day

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary institutions and individuals whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ruth Klement posthumously upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition in conjunction with the observance of National Library Workers Day, to be celebrated on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, in Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, National Library Workers Day (NLWD) is a day for library staff, users, administrators and friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers; and

WHEREAS, On January 25, 2003, a resolution was proposed to recognize the hard work, dedication, and expertise of library support staff and librarians on the Tuesday of National Library Week, and to designate this day as National Library Workers Day; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Klement began her illustrious career at the Great Neck Library in September of 1983, as a full time clerk in circulation; she earned her Master of Library Science degree and became a librarian in 1989, before being promoted to Lakeville Branch Head in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Beloved by all who knew her, Ruth Klement was extremely proud of the Lakeville Branch Library, and welcomed all who entered its doors; she had a special way of always bringing a smile to one's face and laughter when it was needed most; her incredible sense of humor consistently lifted the spirit; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Lakeville Branch Library is in direct correlation to the efforts of Ruth Klement, whose involvement was characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the library and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the late Ruth Klement; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our

attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ruth Klement posthumously upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition in conjunction with the observance of National Library Workers Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ruth Klement.